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SUBJECT: W/W: STEPHEN STERN; PPT FRAUD

REF: STATE 293909, 293910, ISTANBUL 4047

1. ON DECEMBER 15 THE REAL STEPHEN STERN APPEARED AT AMEMBASSY VIENNA WITH PASSPORT, TOLD OF MEETING MAN WHO LATER COULD HAVE BEEN HIS IMPOSTER.

2. ON OCTOBER 28, STERN WAS ON FERRY TUNISIA TO ITALY IN COMPANY OF OTHER AMERICANS, MET MAN WHO WAS BLACK, VERY DARK, BROAD FACE, HIGH CHEEKBONES, EARLY TWENTIES, 6' 2", SPOKE VERY GOOD ENGLISH WITH ACCENT, HAD NO POSSESSIONS EXCEPT TWO BOOKS AND SOME PAPERS, SAID WAS FROM GHANA (?) (STERN NOT SURE), HAD 2-DAY TRANSIT VISA THROUGH ITALY, HAD ALMOST NO MONEY AND THEREFORE WAS AFRAID OF BEING TURNED BACK BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. STERN LOANED HIM \$100 TO SHOW AUTHORITIES. MAN ASKED FOR STERN'S ADDRESS IN U.S. (SAME AS MOTHER'S) PRESUMABLY TO WRITE THANKS. MAN SAID GOING TO OWN EMBASSY IN ITALY TO GET NEW PPT (OWN TO EXPIRE SOON) AND GET HELP TO EXTEND STAY IN ITALY. AFTER LANDING WENT SEPARATE WAYS, NOT SEEN SINCE. STERN DOES NOT RECALL NAME.
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